

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Fulkerson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Council members in attendance: Miller, West, Fulkerson, Baker, Davies.
- City Staff in attendance: City Manager Dan Berman, City Clerk Gabriel Adams, City Engineer Steve Allen.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION - None

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - None

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (Davies/West) to approve the agenda as written. Passed 4-0.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – No Minutes to approve.

VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Davies: RCEA Solar Panel Incentive Program.

Miller: CCNM update; Bird population study, monitoring, etc.

West: HCAOG; Update on County-wide Transportation Grant.

Fulkerson: RREDC; Airport carrier fund raising continues. Also looking for new Director.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Jim Cuthbertson – Trinidad

I hope money is being pursued to repair the Van Wycke Trail. Also, regarding the Wagner Street Trail, I have a problem. The agreements with John Frame entitle me to use the trail without being harassed. Frame is not fulfilling his end of the agreement. It's a disgrace. The 4x4 posts he installed at the entrance are illegal. No signs have been installed either. He should honor his agreement.

Mark – Trinidad Forest Defender

The City Council is a partner in protecting Strawberry Rock. Asked the council to state its position on preserving the trail to Strawberry Rock.

Jack Nounan – Trinidad Forest Defender

Climate change activist. Urged people to stop driving cars or the earth will continue to deteriorate. Announced that HSU will hold a climate crisis conference in November.

Richard Johnson – Trinidad Area Resident

Announced the Houda You Love volunteer clean-up day on Saturday, 9am.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Financial Status Reports for July 2014.
2. Proposed Grand Jury Inquiry Response.
3. Resolution 2013-14; Acknowledging the Public Service of Glenn Saunders.
4. Resolution 2014-14; Updating Authorized Signatures for LAIF Investment Fund.
5. Authorize the Mayor to Sign Letter to Board of Supervisors Supporting Critical Watershed Protection in the Consideration of Regulation of Marijuana Grows.
6. Receive Report on City's Drought-Response Measures.
7. Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Training Workshop Announcement
8. ASBS Contract Amendment for Services with GHD, Inc.
9. Luffenholtz Creek Project Contract Amendment for Services with GHD, Inc.

Motion (West/Davies) to approve the consent agenda as written. Passed unanimously.

X. DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Receive Presentation from Humboldt County Officials on Countywide Sales Tax Measure.
County representatives Maggie Flemming and Phillip Smith-Haynes presented Measure Z, the ½ cent sales tax increase proposal. Smith-Haynes explained that over the past 22 years, the State has taken over 286 million

from the County, but local tax measure funding stays local. The purpose of this measure is to enhance public safety, fight drug-related crimes, protect natural resources, curb child abuse and violent crime. The sales tax measure would expire in 5 years, and applies only to taxable items. It is expected to generate over 6 million per year in additional revenues. A fiscal advisory committee will oversee the expenditure of the new revenue. Public safety is the number one priority.

Public comment included:

Jim Cuthbertson – Trinidad

Trinidad's sales tax hasn't ended. Will this one really expire in 5 years? There's no guarantee.

Mike Morgan – Trinidad

Will any of this revenue go back to the cities? Nothing prohibits cities for asking for some of it, but it would be a competitive process.

No decision was made. Presentation item only.

2. Annual Unmet Transit Needs Hearing.

City Manager Berman explained that each year HCAOG conducts a citizen participation process to assess unmet transit needs within Humboldt County. The public is invited during this hearing to express their opinion, solutions, complaints, or suggestions regarding Humboldt County's public transportation systems and/or general unmet transit needs.

Public comment included:

Dave Mullins – Trinidad Area Resident

Wants better service north from Trinidad to Patrick's Point.

Comments will be forwarded to HCAOG.

3. Presentation/Discussion regarding Greenhouse Gas Inventory report from Redwood Coast Energy Authority.

Continued to a future meeting.

4. Establish Council Committee Representative to the Trinidad Rancheria for ASBS Stormwater Phase II Project.

City Manager Berman explained that In November 2013, the City Council appointed Jack West to act as a liaison to the Rancheria's Tribal Council regarding the ASBS Stormwater Project. However in addition to the Stormwater Project, there are other projects of significance to both the City and the Trinidad Rancheria that require ongoing discussion and cooperation between our two governments.

City and Rancheria staff met on August 21, 2014 to share information about the City's current Stormwater Project, which is nearing completion, and to discuss the next phases of the Stormwater Project. At that meeting representatives of the Rancheria requested the establishment of a City Council Committee assigned to work with a similar Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Council Committee to facilitate communication and cooperation between the City and the Trinidad Rancheria on a range of issues.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Fulkerson and Councilmember West offered to represent the city on this committee.

*Motion (Davies/Baker) to appoint the Mayor and Councilmember West to work with the Trinidad Rancheria on issues of mutual significance to our two governments. **Passed unanimously.***

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting ended at 7:15pm.

Submitted by:

Gabriel Adams
City Clerk

Approved by:

Julie Fulkerson
Mayor